

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	§	
COLIN TEMPLE	§	Group Art Unit: 1796
	§	
Serial No.: 10/776,887	§	Confirmation No: 3325
	§	
Filed: FEBRUARY 11, 2004	§	Examiner: FIGUEROA, JOHN J.
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For: "DRILLING FLUIDS WITH	§	Atty Docket: 2003-IP-009967U1P1
IMPROVED SHALE INHIBITION AND	§	
METHODS OF DRILLING IN	§	
SUBTERRANEAN FORMATIONS"	§	

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

This request is being submitted before: (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. §146. In response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 5, 2010 (the "Final

Office Action”), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action in light of the amendments and remarks below.

Applicants submit the following:

- **Amendments to the Claims**, which begin on page 3 of this paper and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 12 of this paper.